

HB 3304 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Williams, Rep. Noble

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 04/27/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Lewis, McLain, Nathanson, Noble, Power

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Findley, Frederick, Gorsek

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide progress report on implementation and utilization of recommendations regarding impacts of state highway regulations on rural downtown districts and to solicit feedback from cities, counties, and community planning organizations impacted by state highway projects. Directs ODOT to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendment reflects work done previously to address issue
- Efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities on Oregon roads
- Strengthening relationships between Oregon Department of Transportation and municipalities
- Mobility options

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces requirement for study with requirement for progress report on implementation and utilization of recommendations in report titled "Blueprint or Urban Design" dated January 2020. Specifies that Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is to solicit feedback from cities, counties, and community planning organizations impacted by state highway projects. Directs ODOT to submit report to Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

There are a number of towns and cities in Oregon that have streets that are also state highways. Such arrangements require both the community and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to balance the needs of through traffic (including both personal vehicles and commercial trucks) with the needs of pedestrians, businesses, consumers, and residents of the local community.

Because state highways are managed by ODOT, those segments that pass through a downtown area are not under the jurisdiction of the local government, and thus any proposed changes are subject to review and approval by the department. The department developed a report, "Blueprint for Urban Design" (January 2020) to provide interim guidance on highway design in an urban context until updates are made to other guiding documents such as the Highway Design Manual.

House Bill 3304 A directs ODOT to provide a progress report on implementation of recommendations from the Blueprint for Urban Design and report to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2022.